

Public Works Committee  
meeting of Tuesday, December 6, 2005  
1<sup>st</sup> floor meeting room, Town Hall

present: Steve Puffer, Michael Cann, Vince O'Connor, Rob Crowner  
other: Guilford Mooring, Robert Pariseau – DPW  
guests: Walter Wolnick

1. Rob Crowner was nominated and approved as new chair
2. October and November minutes were approved with minor corrections
3. Vince added 2 items to agenda

5. Jones Library Crosswalk

6. Mill River Bridge

4. Guilford states all proposed sewer projects are on hold waiting for Selectboard policy.

5. Paving Schedule Discussion:

Talked about a 5 year plan. Vince was concerned about Henry St. drainage. Guilford said this will be done in year 1 of the plan so it will be available for paving in year 2. Funds are available for this and we will do it next summer.

Henry Street: Vince was concerned about several houses that had dangerous driveways and should be changed. Guilford agrees and said the home owners could change the driveways if they obtain easements from abutters and DPW approves.

Year 2 Guilford

1. Henry Street
2. N. Pleasant – Amity to E. Pleasant
3. Northeast St. - house 689 to Flat Hills
4. Elf Hill Rd. – since sewer study was shelved, this should be done

Vince: Southeast St. near Colonial Village, people walk there and there's no sidewalk, very dangerous. Michael agrees. Guilford states this will be included in the Community Development Block Grant project, that will address the College St./Southeast St. intersection and will include sidewalks.

Vince asks why not West St. & Pomeroy Lane crosswalks. Guilford said that would not be eligible. Vince thinks it should be looked at, that bus stop is inaccessible. Guilford states not sure about how that will be done. Vince states he will follow up on this intersection with the appropriate party.

Rob asks when will CDBG do the work on Southeast St./College intersection. Guilford says it will be funded on FY07 paving list if approved.

Vince asked about crosswalk on West St. and E. Hadley Rd. Guilford said that could be done in house and does not have to go on this list and we need to do plans and have funds available. Vince would like a public review of the plans.

Steve Puffer asked how we're going to get all these things done in Guilford's absence.

Vince: Issues that need public hearing

1. E. Pleasant St. sidewalk
2. Henry St. widening

Vince thinks Henry St. widening will be a problem because of past problems. People will not like their property being taken to widen the street.

Rob states we need to think about timing for hearings.

Guilford states E. Pleasant St. should have a public hearing in May. Henry Street will need to be done because of permitting issues. 25% plan in February, maybe a March public hearing.

Vince states E. Pleasant St. needs to have street trees removed. Guilford says we will not be in the area that needs trees removed. Guilford states this only involves moving curb back about 3'.

### Year 3 Vince

Must do Sand Hill road drainage in year 2 so it will have settled for paving in year 3 from State St. to Pleasant St. Pole on curve from State St. to bridge, might want to put that underground.

Guilford says there's an issue on Southeast St. at culvert near Chapel Rd. Road is sinking due to drainage problem.

Vince asks if any roads have flooding problems. Guilford states College St. bridges did not flood this storm and state is working on bridge on Meadow St., contract is awarded. Station road has beaver problems. Pomeroy Court needs to dry out culvert to stop drainage problem.

### Year 4 Guilford

Rob says we can recommend roads out of the sequence in the 5 year plan if situation came up.

Vince asks about sidewalk repairs. Guilford says the Capital Budget has a 30K line item to cover any sidewalks in need. 30K each year for 5 years in Capital Budget. Vince states we should consider doing sidewalks in lieu of unimportant streets. Guilford states we can not use Chap 90 for sidewalks, can use it for streets and drainage.

Rob asks if only the paved portion of Mill Lane is to be repaved? Guilford says pave the area by Groff Park, from Michael Cann's house to West St.

Clean out stream crossing near Michael Cann's house. Michael commented on bad sight distances coming onto Southeast St. from Mill Lane, stating the railroad abutment blocks sight to the north. Guilford says they are looking at altering the bridge abutment when the bike trail is repaved. Vince has concerns about historical issues with bridge.

Guilford wants to vote on year 1. Vince- with understanding that drainage will be done in Chap 90 expenditures in year 1. Rob accepts the plan on year 1 with the drainage work to take place on Henry St. in year 1, Sand Hill in year 2

Sewer Issues – Guilford 1,4,5,10,11 to be done this year. Vince asks if repaving to be paid for by sewer funds. Guilford says yes.

Vince asks when can we expect a plan on Spring St.. Guilford says waiting for the plan from the church on their remodeling.

### Jones Library Sidewalk

Guilford says traffic study said there is not any need and propose to put in a temporary crosswalk and see how it goes. If it makes it worse the crosswalk will not be permanent. Will happen this winter, if winter permits.

Walter asks about traffic calming. Guilford says it's on second round of priorities, have not looked at it yet. PWC to ask that all crosswalks on Amity be painted. Letter to be sent to the Selectboard to have painted.

Mill St. Bridge - Puffers Pond - drainage and pedestrian improvements. Guilford states no action, has not made contact.

Vince asks about status of Atkins Corner project. Guilford says it will be @25% in March. Rob asked PWC to be told when this meeting is held.

Vince – PWC will do Henry St. & E. Pleasant St Public Hearing